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1. In September 1951, an artillery unit and an air force unit were stationed at Schoenwalde airfield. (1) The air force unit was composed of about 400 flying and ground personnel. Finance officer of the unit was Captain Petrov. (fnu). (2) The accounts of the unit were settled through the Kech Office in Werder. It was said that the unit was to be transferred to an undetermined location on 1 October 1951. 25X1 Captain Petrov had already left the field in order to requisition billets. 25X1 a new air force battalion was to arrive in Schoenwalde in early October 1951. (3)
2. An air force unit stationed at Schoenevalde airfield was allegedly transferred to Altengrabow for training. The finance officer of this unit was Captain Pushkov. (fnu). However, 25X1 in September, this unit was quartered in the Heinkel Settlement in Oranienburg. Part of the unit was quartered in tents. (4) The finance officer of the unit was Major Vanhov (fnu); his deputy was Senior Lieutenant Carashchuk (fnu). (5)
3. The occupation of the Falkensee restricted area fluctuated between 120 and 200 persons including many air force officers, some of them with their dependents. (6) Some of these officers every morning left for Doeberitz-Elstal by bus. The superior headquarters of the unit was located in the restricted area of Werder airfield. (7) The finance officer in the Falkensee restricted area was named Sas (fnu). (8)
4. In addition to the air force unit transferred from Schoenwalde to Oranienburg, another air force unit was quartered in the Heinsel Settlement and at the airfield. Finance officer of this unit was Senior Lieutenant Denkin. (fnu), who had previously been stationed in Strausberg. (9)
5. An air force dump which was assigned to the Kech Office in Werder, headed by Captain Minchuck. (fnu), was located in the former storage area of the Nitropa firm in Falkensee. V-shaped engines were stored in the area. (10) 25X1 Carpenter and machine shops in addition to a Soviet Air Force furniture warehouse were observed on Potterstrasse, in the area of the Berlin-Seegefeld Industrial Plant (DSI).

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6. The former BSXX Kaserne in Doeberitz-Elstal quartered air force personnel of Doeberitz airfield. It was occupied to capacity. The unit was equipped with 60 to 80 single-engined low-wing monoplanes fitted with in-line engines. Finance officer was Captain Panchenkov. (Pnu). (11)

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- (1) [] Comments.

- (1) This statement is rather vague. [] a ground attack and a reconnaissance regiment with the pertaining ground units are stationed in Schoenwalde.

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- (2) [] Captain Petrov is supply officer of [] the 710th Gds GA Regt in Schoenwalde.

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- (3) [] However, there are certain indications that the two ground attack regiments in Doeberitz are scheduled to be transferred to some unknown location. It is well possible that in connection with these transfers from Doeberitz the ground attack regiment from Schoenwalde, which belongs to the same division, will also be transferred.

- (4) The transfer of a ground unit from Schoenwalde to Oranienburg is confirmed. The unit has not been identified. No air unit has been transferred to Oranienburg.

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- (5) In a previous report, this officer was mentioned as being supply officer of ground unit [] transferred from Schoenwalde to Oranienburg.

- (6) The headquarters of the ground attack corps of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army is located in Falkensee.

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- (7) [] the Hq Twenty-Fourth Air Army.

- (8) Sas was reported as supply officer of a unit in Falkensee in connection with deliveries of construction materials.

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- (9) Verkin [] as the officer in charge of construction and maintenance work at Oranienburg airfield in June 1951. See []

- (10) Engines for ground attack aircraft appear to be concerned.

- (11) Panchenkov was mentioned as supply officer of a unit in Doeberitz in connection with deliveries of construction material.

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